

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 75

By Keisling

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Charles Benton Beets of Oneida.

WHEREAS, we were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Charles Benton Beets of Oneida; and

WHEREAS, Charles Beets was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, the son of Thomas Lee Beets and Patsy Laxton Beets, Charles Benton Beets was born on August 3, 1958, in Oneida; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Beets, desiring to serve his country and uphold the values for which it stands, joined the United States Navy in high school and worked as a jet engine mechanic; after two duties with the Navy Blue Angels and one in Hawaii, he finished his time of service in San Diego, California, retiring from his laudable labors of self-sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, thoughtful of this world and the next, Mr. Beets was a faithful member of the First Baptist Church of Oneida; and

WHEREAS, he was also deeply devoted to his family and always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Charles Benton Beets will be sadly mourned yet fondly remembered by his mother; his wife, Brenda Lee Bridges Beets; his three sons, Charles Kenyon Beets, Matthew James Beets, and Jonathon Delmas Beets; his brother David Allen Beets; his sister Darlene (Charles) King; his brother-in-law, James Earl Bridges; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his father, he was preceded in death by his grandparents, Delmas and Estelle Laxton; his brothers Michael Steven and Thomas Jr.; an infant sister, Sherry Ann Beets; his aunt, Phyllis Flatt; his in-laws, Reverend Earl and Elsie Marcum Bridges; and a sister-in-law, Debra Bridges Honeycutt; and

WHEREAS, Charles Beets leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should remember the bountiful life of this exceptional gentleman and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Charles Benton Beets, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Beets.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.